

1993, was appointed Chief Fiscal Officer. The nonpartisan Joint Fiscal Office provides fiscal analysis, budget evaluation, performance oversight and fiscal policy support for the Appropriations, Finance, Ways & Means and Tax Committees and for the Vermont Legislature as a whole. In his capacity as Chief Fiscal Officer, Stephen has directed the budget and tax staff for the Vermont House and Senate for the past 28 years.

With rapid fire speech, Stephen has educated generations of Vermont legislators on the complexities of the Vermont budget process. As President Pro Tempore of the Vermont Senate, I had the pleasure of working with Stephen to craft budgets for the State of Vermont and, like many before and after me, marveled at his intricate knowledge of Vermont state government, tax policy, the budget, and the economy. Stephen has gained the trust of legislators through his facility with his subject matter and his generous willingness to explain it.

Stephen's contributions have extended beyond Vermont. He served as president of the National Association of Legislative Fiscal Offices in 1998 to 1999 and was a member of National Conference of State Legislatures' Executive Committee from 2002 to 2005. From 2009 to 2017, Stephen served on the Advisory Board of the New England Public Policy Center at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, providing advice on research content and direction to policy makers in the New England region. From 2014 to 2017 Stephen served on the Government Accounting Standards Advisory Committee.

In 2013, Stephen was the recipient of the Steven D. Gold Award, given annually by the National Tax Association, the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). The 2013 award was presented by the NCSL. The award honors professionals who have made significant contributions to state and local fiscal policy.

In addition to his professional commitments, Stephen has volunteered tirelessly in his community, serving on the board of the local food cooperative in Montpelier, as Treasurer of the Green Mountain Club, and as Treasurer for the local synagogue. Stephen also serves as a guest lecturer at the Vermont Law School.

Mr. Klein attended the University of California, Berkeley; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Northeastern University School of Law. He served in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic and Honduras in the early 1970s.

Stephen's friendly demeanor, sage observations and ubiquitous presence have made him a well-known and welcome fixture under the Golden Dome. He will be greatly missed. I wish him all the best in his retirement and look forward to seeing him out on Vermont's hiking trails.

HONORING DWANA BRADLEY

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dwana Bradley as Iowan of the Week. Dwana is a mother, a business owner, an ed-

ucator, and a long-time community advocate. She believes education is the key to life, which speaks to her passion and career as a teacher.

Dwana received a bachelor's degree in child and family services from Iowa State University, a master's degree in elementary education and literacy from Drake University, and a specialist's degree in administration. She went on to graduate from the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute, and for almost seven years she worked as a reading interventionist with Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS) to help students reach their potential. In 2019, she was elected to the Des Moines School Board and currently serves as the chair of the board.

Dwana did not let the COVID-19 pandemic slow her drive to educate young Iowans. As chairwoman, she serves in an outreach role to help underserved communities attain higher education and is working to stem the negative impact of COVID-19 on students, especially those who were already struggling in school or falling behind.

Dwana also owns Iowa Urban Media, a community-focused publishing company, and is the editor-in-chief for the Urban Experience Magazine, a monthly publication that shares news in the African American community and seeks to empower voices through positivity. Her journalism promotes education, an open dialogue, and a space to have important conversations about issues affecting Iowans. She passionately believes that these conversations are a crucial step towards achieving justice.

In addition to her commendable career in education, Dwana is an active advocate. She is the executive director of Iowa Juneteenth and chairs a committee for Iowa Juneteenth Observance, volunteers on the DMPS attendance committee, and still makes time to direct the choir at True Bible Baptist Church.

As executive director of Iowa Juneteenth and chair on a committee for Iowa Juneteenth Observance, she helps put on events, educate the public, and celebrate with Iowans across the state for the annual commemoration of Juneteenth: the date the last enslaved African Americans were granted freedom in 1865, ending slavery in the United States. Just this week, Congress finally passed a bill to formally recognize Juneteenth National Independence Day as a federal holiday after decades of activism from Americans.

As we recently gathered to observe Juneteenth and join in community celebrations and educational events, let us thank Dwana and her team for their efforts to bring Iowans together to share stories, experiences, and history with one another. She is a fantastic educator, a proud voice in the community, and a fervent advocate for uplifting Iowans. Please join me in honoring Dwana Bradley as our Iowan of the Week.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. MAST. Madam Speaker, my flight into Washington, D.C. was delayed due to bad weather causing me to miss a vote on 7/19/2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 209.

REMEMBERING JASON G. THOMAS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jason G. Thomas for his ten years of service with the House's Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Logistics & Support. It is with a heavy heart that I share the news that he passed away in September 2020 at the young age of forty. Jason was a constituent of mine from Maryland's Fifth District.

Jason began his career with the CAO in January 2015, joining the Logistics & Support group responsible for moving furniture and carrying out the massive effort every two years of moving offices during the Congressional transition. Prior to his time with the CAO, Jason worked with District Movers, where he gained a strong understanding of logistics and organization, which served him well in his House employment.

Among his many hobbies, Jason had a love of acting, he enjoyed mechanics, he was an avid football fan, and he proved a very talented drummer. He was a graduate of the Massanutten Military Academy. Jason's co-workers and friends remember him for his infectious smile and incessant positive attitude. Some of the sentiments they shared after he passed away included that: 'He was always smiling,' and 'What a great guy.' Also: 'He would always greet you with a smile and a hello and was such a light to be around.'

Prior to his death, Jason was being recognized for his exceptional service while confronting the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. He was tasked with helping to assist with the enormous job of processing the distribution of thousands of laptops and electronics to House Members and staff who were suddenly required to work remotely. The Asset Management Department specifically requested Jason by name, not only because of his talent but also because of his sunny disposition and positive attitude while performing his duties. He was soon to be recognized for his contribution to this effort by former Chief Administrative Officer Phil Kiko.

Jason lived in Clinton, Maryland, and is survived by his parents, Henry and Idena Thomas, his three sisters—Sonya, Tanya, and Yolanda—and his three young children, fourteen-year-old Kason, thirteen-year-old Juarez, and ten-year-old Karen.

Madam, Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Jason G. Thomas for his service and contributions to this House. I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to the Thomas family for their tremendous loss. The gifts of Jason's life and his tremendous dedication to service, family, and community will always be remembered.

HONORING COMMISSIONER DEAN COX

HON. CHRIS STEWART

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. STEWART. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD a letter signed by the

Utah Congressional delegation to honor the life and service of my dear friend, Commissioner Dean Cox of St. George, Utah, who passed away on July 7, 2021. I have known Commissioner Cox, and his wife LaRene for years. They are the kind of family who set a high standard for public service and involvement. Dean was a great public servant, a wonderful neighbor, and a fantastic friend. He is sorely missed.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 20, 2021.

LARENE COX,
St. George, Utah.

DEAR LARENE COX AND FAMILY: We write to offer our sincere condolences and honor a great pillar of southern Utah, Commissioner Dean Cox. His years of diligent public service to his community and family will be felt for decades to come. He will be dearly missed.

Commissioner Dean Cox devoted his life to serving others and set an example of measured and thoughtful leadership throughout his life. He gave of his time and talents generously and had a way of bringing people together to complete essential projects for the benefit of all in Washington County.

Dean's local knowledge and diverse experiences secured him as a vital and trusted voice for the community. We revere Dean's willingness to share his love of flight and knowledge of radio operation to protect his community through service as volunteer emergency responder. As a small business owner, he showed the way to invest in the future of his community. His ever willingness to serve taught us compassion for, and devotion to beloved neighbors, which is a legacy that will live on in Washington County, the State of Utah, and beyond.

We are grateful to you for your sustaining love and support to Commissioner Dean Cox throughout his life and career. You will continue to carry on the legacy of friendship and kindness that together you set during his lifetime. We will miss working with Dean and are grateful for the time we spent with him as a friend, neighbor and dedicated public servant.

Our hearts go out to you as we keep you and your family in our prayers and hope for you to find comfort during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Senator MIKE LEE.
Representative CHRIS
STEWART.
Representative BLAKE
MOORE.
Senator MITT ROMNEY.
Representative JOHN
CURTIS.
Representative BURGESS
OWENS.

HONORING CAPTAIN TIMOTHY CRONIN

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I have the honor of serving Florida's First Coast, with a constituency filled with our nation's heroes. It is my distinct privilege to rise today and speak about one of my own Coast Guard constituents, Captain Timothy Cronin.

Captain Cronin currently serves as the Commanding Officer of the National Security Cutter *Hamilton* in North Charleston, South

Carolina, and has served his country with distinction for 25 years. On July 23rd of this year, he retires and returns home to his wife Kristan and children Kaleigh, Connor, Cooper, Parker and Davis.

Since the Coast Guard's founding in 1790 by Alexander Hamilton, Americans have relied on our guardsmen to protect our nation's maritime interests. The Coast Guard has secured our sovereignty in times of war and peace, and safeguarded the American public during times of national catastrophe.

Captain Tim Cronin has served on six cutters, commanding three of them. He departs the service after leading the great crew of the Coast Guard Cutter *Hamilton*—a state of the art National Security Cutter bearing the name of the Service's founder. In his two years commanding the *Hamilton*, Captain Cronin seized over 13 tons of illegal drugs worth \$316 million, removed 41 drug traffickers from the water, and led his crew through the Covid-19 pandemic.

Most recently, he took his crew over 5,000 nautical miles from home to the Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea. There, he conducted training with NATO and Black Sea allies in the face of Russian aggression, enforcing the rule of law and the steadfast commitment of the United States to our friends in the region. He operated in a global environment and proved once again how powerful and important our Coast Guard is to the world.

While his retirement is a loss to the Service, his legacy will continue to live on in the Coast Guard men and women he served with over the last 25 years. They have undoubtedly benefitted from his leadership, genuine compassion for others, and commitment to the Coast Guard's core values of honor, respect, and devotion to duty.

Captain Cronin, those whom you've led now have the watch. I wish Captain Cronin fair winds and following seas as he starts a new chapter in his life. Bravo Zulu on a job very well-done.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing this great American and Coast Guardsman for his selfless service to our Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD RAINEY

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

MR. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Richard "Dick" Rainey.

Dick was born in Oregon in 1938. His parents were loggers, so Dick grew up spending a lot of time outdoors. Following high school, Dick joined the United States Navy and served for four years. He then pursued a career in law enforcement and joined the Compton Police Department. In 1964, Dick moved to Contra Costa County where he joined the Sheriff's Office. He spent 28 years there and was promoted through the ranks, but also continued his education and earned an associate's and bachelor's degree while working. In 1978, Dick was elected as the Contra Costa County Sheriff. During his tenure as Sheriff, he oversaw the construction of new jails in Martinez and Richmond.

When he retired as Sheriff, Dick turned to politics. He represented parts of Contra Costa and Alameda counties in both the California State and the California State Senate. He then went on to serve as a Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the George W. Bush Administration.

Dick is remembered as a compassionate, genuine man who dedicated his life to helping others. In his personal life, he enjoyed traveling and spending quality time with his children and grandchildren.

Sadly, Dick passed away this month. He was a mentor to me, and he will be dearly missed. Please join me in honoring Dick Rainey for his leadership and many contributions to our community.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 22

9 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1425, to enable the Federal Trade Commission to deter filing of sham citizen petitions to cover an attempt to interfere with approval of a competing generic drug or biosimilar, to foster competition, and facilitate the efficient review of petitions filed in good faith to raise legitimate public health concerns, S. 1428, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, and to prohibit biological product manufacturers from compensating biosimilar and interchangeable companies to delay the entry of biosimilar biological products and interchangeable biological products, S. 1388, to require the Federal Trade Commission to study the role of intermediaries in the pharmaceutical supply chain and provide Congress with appropriate policy recommendations, S. 1435, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to prohibit product hopping, and the nominations of Gustavo A. Gelpi, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Angel Kelley, to be United States District Judge for the